

Outdoor Report

The week of February 23rd, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

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- Caution is still needed on ice, especially around ice heaves, open water and near springs. Anglers are strongly urged to avoid these areas altogether.
 - The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14th – May 3rd, statewide. Pamphlets are now available at the GFP offices and license agents.
 - Anglers are reminded that all fish houses, shelters and other structures must be removed from the ice by midnight on Feb. 28th, 2015. Fish houses, shelters and other structures may be used after Feb. 28th, 2015, but must be removed from the ice on a daily basis.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching bluegill, crappie and some small walleye. Most of the walleye are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. The ice conditions have improved, but there are still some weak ice areas by the west and north bridges. Anglers who have been fishing by the Youth Camp have had the best success.

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching northern pike, perch, crappie and walleye. The fishing has been inconsistent. Most of the walleye being caught are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. Most fishermen have been fishing the south end of the lake.

James River: Anglers have been catching some walleye by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge.

Elm River: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: There are good numbers of coyotes in Brown County. Coyote hunting is a good way to pass the winter months, especially since all other hunting seasons have closed.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few perch, walleye and northern pike. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave on the north side of the lake.

Dry Lake #1: The perch and walleye bite has slowed down, but fishermen are still catching a few fish. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave at the southwest portion of the lake.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye towards evening. Fishermen should use caution as a vehicle fell through the ice between 155th and 156th street out from a point coming off the west shore.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and perch.

Antelope Lake: Little activity.

Reid Lake: Little activity.

Casey's Slough: Little activity.

Pepper Slough: Little activity.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few perch and walleye.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye, perch and the occasional northern pike.

Cottonwood: Fishermen are catching a few perch and northern pike.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: Pelican continues to have slow fishing activity this week.

Lake Kampeska: Fishing has slowed down on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting catching a few perch and crappie with some walleye thrown into the mix.

Dry Lake: Anglers are still having luck catching walleye on the road beds at night, as well as some nice sized northern pike.

Goose Lake: Anglers have experienced a good perch bite with perch ranging from 6 to 9 inches. There were a few walleye being caught in the early evening hours.

Long Lake: Anglers are reporting catching a few small walleye, but overall, it's a slow bite.

Blythe Slough: Anglers are reporting some perch, but the bite has been pretty slow.

Grass Lake: No angler reports.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

Stink: A few small perch are being caught, but the fishing has been slow.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Anglers continue to struggle to find many perch. Numerous smaller walleye are being caught.

Waubay: Anglers are having some success catching a few perch and walleye. Most anglers are still using the Kanago boat ramp to access the lake.

Reetz: Anglers are catching some nice perch during daylight hours and a few nice walleye during the overnight hours. **Reminder: there is a 28 inch minimum on walleye with a daily limit of one.**

Lynn: Some anglers are having success catching a few nice walleye during the overnight.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few bluegill, crappie and walleye.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Fishermen are catching some northern pike. A few walleye are being caught, but overall, the bite has been slow. Anglers are reporting catching a fair amount of perch, but most of them are small. Spear fishermen have been having good success for northern pike through the ice.

Lake Cochrane: A few crappies are being caught. Anglers have also been catching a fair amount of bluegill and perch throughout the day. Most of the perch are small, but there are a few keepers mixed in.

Lake Oliver: No activity.

Lake Francis: Little to no activity.

Lake Ketchum: Anglers continue to catch small perch.

Clear Lake: No activity.

Fish Lake: Fishing has been slow.

School: Anglers are catching some northern pike in the shallow water.

Round: No activity.

Bullhead: No activity.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: Fishing activity is slow.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Anglers continue to report a fairly slow perch bite. The best bite continues to be the early mornings and late afternoons. A walleye or two can be caught on the north end of the lake. Ice conditions continue to be a little on the unsafe side and inconsistent in places, so please use caution.

Summit Lake: No activity.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Slow activity at Poinsett the last week. Fishermen are spread out catching a few perch. The walleye bite has been minimal.

Fedt Slough: Pretty active bite on small perch.

Three Buck: The perch bite was quite active with smaller sized perch being caught. Some walleye and northern pike have been caught as well. This is a great lake for the kids to experience an active bite.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Another slow week on Clear.

Lake Albert: Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert, but the bite has slowed down.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: A few walleye are being caught in the morning and evening, but overall, slow.

Cattail: Good walleye bite off the main lake points after dark.

South Buffalo: The pan fish bite is very good, and localized anglers who are putting in the time to find the fish are doing very well. Anglers in search of pike are using tip ups and moving regularly in search of nice sized fish.

Piyas: Slow with very little angler activity.

Roy: A few perch and northern have been caught, but overall, slow.

Clear: Slow.

White: A few crappies are being caught in the morning and evening.

West Stink: Some walleye being caught but things have slowed down.

Stink Slough: Some very nice perch have been caught. The anglers putting in their time have found a few fish, but overall, slow.

Clubhouse Slough: Anglers are still catching a few limits of perch, but the bite has slowed down significantly.

South Red Iron: A few northern are being caught with the occasional walleye.

Cottonwood: Great northern bite along with the occasional walleye.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing has slowed down with very little activity.

Mina Lake: Anglers are picking up a few perch, bluegill and northern pike. Fishing is slow, but anglers are getting a few bites.

Eureka Lake: Anglers are catching a few perch. Fishing is slow, but anglers fishing all day will end up with a few perch.

Anderson Slough: Fishermen are catching a few perch. Most perch are in the 6 to 9 inch range. A few bigger perch have been caught.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: Hunters looking for coyotes will find plenty in this area. Most landowners will allow access to hunt coyotes.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Anglers are finding an occasional walleye and perch. A few white bass are also being caught. Most activity is on the north end of the lake. **Be careful of ice heaves, open water and other bad spots.**

Dry Wood Lake: Anglers are finding a few walleye and perch, but activity is very slow.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: Fishing activity has really slowed down recently. Anglers are still catching a few walleyes in the early mornings and after dark in the evening.

Mud Lake: Fishing activity is slow.

Cottonwood Lake: Anglers are catching a few pike in the shallow waters. The only access that is useable is along Highway 26 on the west side of the lake. All other accesses have large ice heaves blocking them.

Redfield Lake: There has been minimal fishing activity. There are a few decent walleyes being caught after dark.